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BELLEVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL OFFENSES

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on October 27, 2006, **JOHNNIE E. MOSLEY**, age 35, of Belleville, Illinois, pled guilty to an indictment charging him, in Count 1, with possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon and, in Count 2, with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, in the form commonly known as “crack cocaine.” The penalties that can be imposed for a violation of Count 1 of the indictment are not more than ten (10) years' imprisonment, or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and at least two (2) years', but not more than three (3) years', supervised release. The maximum penalty that can be imposed on Count 2 is a term of imprisonment from 10 years to life, a fine of not more than \$4 million, and a term of supervised release of at least 5 years.

The investigation was conducted by MEGSI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, in cooperation with the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, as part of those agencies' participation in Project Safe Neighborhoods, a nation-wide initiative intended to combat gun and drug crimes. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.